

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND
☐ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): South Florida Agricultural Foundation, Inc.

Travel date(s): October 9 - October 11, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	Airfare, air boat and bus:	Clewiston & West Palm Beach:	\$130.14	Reimb. to/from airport:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$394.81	\$212.93 (incl tax)		\$41.03


Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Wednesday: Tellus plant tour (learned about packaging from sugarcane), Southern Gardens Citrus tour (orange grove tour), talked with local farmers over dinner. Thursday: toured U.S. Sugar mill, watched sugar harvest & spoke with farmers

11/7/19
(Date)

Meghan Cline
(Printed name of traveler)


(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

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(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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Airboat tour to learn about water quality in Lake Okeechobee, tour Duda with farmers (vegetable farm), spoke with local ag officials over dinner. Friday: Mounts Botanical Garden presentation (learned about water resources and soil), had discussions with local farmers about their trade and agriculture concerns, listened to presentation of Thursday's activities over lunch, botanical gardens tour.

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The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

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If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The mission of the South Florida Agricultural Foundation is to provide educational and stewardship opportunities within the South Florida agricultural industry, including sugarcane, citrus, sweet corn, celery, rice & other local crops, in an area which ranks in the top 10 in the nation for agricultural revenue.

This will be the sixth congressional trip since January 2017 sponsored by the South Florida Agricultural Foundation and the fourth trip where Senate staff are participating.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Foundation provides agricultural information to local school and civic groups and has plans to award scholarships to students pursuing agricultural studies at local colleges.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	Total: \$376.65	Total: \$199.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Airfare: \$301.65 Ground Trans: \$75.00	Martin Marina-Clewiston: \$78.00 Mariott WPB: \$121.00	\$141.50	None

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to House and Senate staffer participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

To provide first hand knowledge and experience of the inner workings of the South Florida agricultural industry.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

1. Roland Martin Marina, 920 E. Del Monte Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440

2. West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

1. Located in the heart of the Glades area farms in the western part of the Everglades Agricultural Area

2. Located near the farms and the airport at the eastern end of the tour route

October 9-11, 2019

8:43 – 11:21 AM	Depart Washington-Reagan National Airport on American Airlines Flight #4662
11:21 – 11:40 AM	Arrive Palm Beach International Airport.
11:40 – 12:00 PM	SFAF group leaders will meet guests at the West Palm Beach airport, locate luggage, board bus. Guests will be transported by bus for the rest of the trip.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Travel to Belle Glade, FL to Tellus, a packaging company that recycles leftover sugarcane fiber from the sugar milling process and converts it to packaging and foodservice products such as plates, bowls and take-out containers. Tellus runs partially on renewable biomass power provided from the sugar mill and solar energy, making it an extremely efficient and environmentally sustainable manufacturing facility.
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Working lunch, with overview video of Tellus including Q&A with Ryan Gray, Molding Operation Manager.
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Tour Tellus Facility in small groups.
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Depart Tellus to travel to Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston.
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Check into Roland Martin Marina hotel, prepare for citrus tour and dinner presentation.
4:15 PM	Depart hotel, drive to Southern Gardens Citrus in Clewiston.
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Southern Gardens Citrus – presentation by Southern Gardens Citrus Team: Denise Roth, Plant Manager, will discuss the citrus processing industry, utilization of every part of an orange and address related food safety issues. During grove stops, Jim Snively, Vice President of Citrus Groves, will discuss citrus greening, hurricanes and other issues destructive to citrus crops, and how they work with the USDA's APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) to develop new citrus varieties and combat citrus diseases.
6:00 – 6:45 PM	Arrive at Dunwody Lodge in Clewiston for welcome reception and opportunity to speak one-on-one with local farmers who grow sugarcane, corn, green beans, kale and broccoli.
6:45 – 9:00 PM	Working dinner where Judy Sanchez, Senior Director of Corporate Communications, U.S. Sugar Corp., will give a presentation on American Farm Policy & Trade, discussing the farm bill, NAFTA and other trade issues. Tony Barnes, Director of IT Operations, U.S. Sugar Corp., will illustrate how technology is used in farming. SFAF Board President Ardis Hammock will introduce the farmers present, seated throughout the room, and each will speak 5-10 minutes on the history of their farm and the produce they grow, showcasing the diversity of crops produced in the area. Local elected officials such as mayors, city commission and county commission will also attend, relating how local government coordinates with state and federal officials on agricultural issues.
9:00 PM	SFAF will purchase steaks cooked by Hendry County Cattlemen's Association. Return to Roland Martin Marina hotel.

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9:00 – 10:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel, overview discussion of ag operations tour from the previous day.
10:00 – 10:10 AM	Check out of Hotel and load bus for tour.
10:10 AM	Bus departs - Drive to Mounts Botanical Gardens in West Palm Beach
10:30 – 10:50 AM	Arrive at Mounts Botanical Gardens. Art Kirstein of The Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service and a staff member of Mounts Botanical Gardens will give a short presentation about the Gardens, where the Palm Beach Cooperative Extension Service is housed. The presentation will focus on the 25 different gardens on site, including how water and resources affect soil types, a discussion of the variety of plants grown at the gardens, how cooperative extensions are the feet on the ground for education and training of Federal Regulation programs pertaining to agriculture.
11:00 – 1:00 PM	One-on-one roundtable discussion with farmer members of Florida Farm Bureau's eastern Palm Beach County region moderated by Eva Webb, Assistant Director Field Services, Florida Farm Bureau Federation. Farmers representing sweet corn, green beans, peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables, nursery operations and agricultural research will discuss issues with federal pest management regulations, H2A worker programs, wage and labor compliance, NAFTA and how farming is impacted by state and federal issues.
1:00 – 2:00 PM	SFAF will provide lunch purchased from local farms, while Ardis Hammock, SFAF Board President, gives a wrap-up overview of the previous days' presentations and explains how a broad understanding of agricultural issues plays a vital role in the lives of the farmers in Florida.
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Tour led by Ardis Hammock and Art Kirstein, who will explain the different exhibits in Mounts Botanical Gardens, a 14-acre living plant museum with 25 unique garden areas including wetlands, extremely dry soil plants, native vegetation, edible landscapes and other diverse ecosystems.
3:00 PM	Bus departs
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Travel to Palm Beach International Airport.
5:07 – 7:32 PM	Depart for Washington-Reagan National Airport on American Airlines Flight #1080
7:32 PM	Arrive Washington-Reagan National Airport.

***Note: All food/catering/transportation/lodging is paid for by the South Florida Agricultural Foundation**

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